(b) whether the State Government have presented any scheme to the Union Government for implementation of all programmes in energy institutions of the State ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) . (a) By the end of 1996-97. 88 Development Blocks have been taken up under Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The State Government has not presented any schemes to the Union Government for implementation of all these programmes in energy institutions of the State.

[Translation]

Development of Communication in Uttar Pradesh

2632. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI :
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent for the development of communications system in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the telecommunications is not working properly in the State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The amount spent on development of Communication system in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is given below :

Year	Amount (Rs. Crores)
1994-95	391.45
1995-96	593.68
1996-97	677.26

(b) and (c) No Sir. The Telecommunications system in Uttar Pradesh is comparable with the National average in terms of such parameters as percentage of Waiting List to number of DELs, Fault rate and call completion rates.

(d) A number of steps have already been taken in this regard and are being continued for the improvement of the Telecommunications in the State as detailed below :

(1) Computerisation of services.
(2) Introduction of new technology in the network.
(3) Replacement of old and life expired exchanges.
(4) Upgradation of outdoor plant.
(5) Use of Jelly filled cables.
(6) Laying of cables in ducts.
(7) 'Higher Level Monitoring System' for exchanges.
(8) Introduction of reliable media for juction working.
(9) Refresher training for staff to improve their skill.
(10) Introduction of wireless in local loop, HDSL, ADSL contracts and Optical Fibre Technologies gradually in the local network.
(11) To provide STD facility to all exchanges by the year 2000 A.D.
(12) Expand the network to make available telephone on demand.
(13) Introduction of new services such as :
- ISDN
- Intelligent network
- Internet
- Mobile Satellite Services.

[English]

Bedding Services

2633. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services for providing beddings in train Nos. 2802, 2815, 8476 is very poor;

(b) if so, whether the contracts for providing beddings, pillows, blankets, towels in A/C sleepers are given to private parties in the said trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to take expeditious steps to redress the complaints in A/C coaches; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bed roll service in train No. 2801/2802 is managed by a private contractor while the same is done by the railway administration in train Nos. 2815/2816 and 8475/8476

(d) and (e) Complaints received including those in A/C coaches are investigated and necessary remedial action including disciplinary action against the staff causing complaints is taken.

[Translation]

AIR Stations in Gujarat

2634. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All India Radio Stations in Gujarat as on date particularly in tribal areas; location-wise;

(b) whether the programmes relating to the promotion of tribal culture are not being broadcast from these stations;